

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

_____ DAY _____, 2015

PRESENT: Supervisors
ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PHILLIP VENERIS FOR HIS SERVICE TO
CAL FIRE/SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, Phillip Veneris has served with CAL FIRE from June 1985 through December, 2015, conscientiously accomplishing his duties with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Veneris has served the community of Los Osos as Battalion Chief of Station 15 South Bay Fire from October 2004 through December 2015 with prudent oversight and commitment to quality service; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Veneris has played significant roles in Incident Command Teams as an Incident Commander, Deputy Incident Commander, Operation Section Chief, and Division Group Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, since his appointment with CAL FIRE, Phillip Veneris has achieved ICS Qualifications as an Incident Commander Type 1, CAL FIRE Agency Representative, Operations Section Chief type 1, Safety Officer Type 1, I520 Advanced Incident Management, Advanced All-Hazards Incident Management, Complex Incident Management Course, and CAL FIRE Area Command; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Veneris has achieved outstanding accomplishments as Valedictorian of the State Fire Marshal Fire Fighter I Academy in 1984, Valedictorian of CAL FIRE Basic Fire Control #106 in 1988, Received the San Luis Obispo County Fire Medal of Valor in 1997 for an ocean rescue, received the CAL FIRE Director's Superior Accomplishment Award-Innovation Award in 2011, and the CAL FIRE Director's Superior Accomplishment Group in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Veneris has been a member of the wildland firefighting community and is known for his leadership. He has advanced through the incident command system to become one of the most respected Type 1 Incident Commanders in California. His operational skills are second to no one. He leads from the front and by example, always exemplifying the term "a dirty faced firefighter". He has been known to respond as a strike team leader and immediately upon being released from duty, take an assignment as a Type 1 Incident Commander. In all cases he does this with commitment to the mission of aggressive fire attack while always providing for safety of the public and his people. Through his continuous efforts at providing intensive leadership training and his commitment to sound leadership principles, he excels at fire ground leadership: and

WHEREAS, while serving as a Branch Director during the destructive 2009 Jesusita Fire in Santa Barbara, Chief Veneris is credited with recognizing the potential threat from a changing fire environment and ordering the evacuation of all personnel out of the area. This action kept many firefighters out of harm's way. Then while placing his own safety in jeopardy, Chief Veneris made his way back into the fire area to initiate a rescue of several firefighters who were injured during structure protection operations. Never did he receive recognition for this act or expect recognition: and

WHEREAS, CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department and the Los Osos Board of Directors wishes to recognize Phillip Veneris' dedication as a Battalion Chief and Incident Commander with the CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby commend Phillip Veneris for his meritorious and conscientious mission of protecting life, property, and the natural resources in San Luis Obispo County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County hereby wishes Phillip Veneris continued health and prosperity in his future endeavors.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk